

FIRST IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH San Jose, CA - Circuit 18

Requests were made from congregations in District to provide assistance for starting Spanish missions in their congregations. The TEE program already in place at First Immanuel was expanded to begin training of additional deacons to be provided as “missionaries” on site at the requesting congregations. Pastor Enrique Vallejo turned his attention and time more to deacon development, in addition to his duties at First Immanuel.

This mission is in the initial stages of training current deacons, overseeing already in-place “missionary deacons”, developing additional training opportunities and monitoring ongoing continuing education for all in the program.

The following CNH District churches have been beneficial to the mission, supplying both financial and spiritual support to this mission: St. Andrews/Stockton (Martin Urena, Deacon); St. Paul/Tracy (Felix Renteria, deacon); St. Paul/Mountain View (Jose Cervantes, deacon); Hispanic Institute of Theology; CNH District; de facto contact person for Spanish Mission Development for all churches in CNH District; Second National Hispanic Lutheran Convention; Central Valley and Peninsula Hispanic Mission Society.

The measurement of this program is based on Deacons in training and already placed (4) as well as congregational missions currently being served (3) and potential missions awaiting development (San Mateo; Watsonville; Concord; Sparks, NV). Deacon Training, mission development and developing a mission model and materials are currently in place.

We are in the process of the formation of a “Spanish Church Council” to be co-leaders at First Immanuel Lutheran Church; deliberate leader development co-sponsored with First Immanuel Anglo congregation; involvement in “Mosaic Ministry” with Mt. Olive/Milpitas; formation of Soccer Team, initiation of “Family Fridays” for Spanish at St. Paul/Mt. View; development of new TEE satellite Training Centers starting at St. Andrews/Stockton (First Immanuel/San Jose the main site).

